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Sir :

In response to the Final Office Action of January 21, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 21, 2009, the period for response having been extended to expire on July 21, 2009 by the concurrent submission of a Request for (three-month) Extension of Time, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.